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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Prices were higher early in the week and continued to climb during the week. The trade sentiment was steady to instances firm with the larger sizes in the best position. Demand into all channels was light to good, best for retail feature activity. Supplies were adequate to tight with large eggs becoming slightly more available as the week progressed. Breaking stock prices were all higher. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were very tight to barely adequate. Most breakers tried to work from existing inventories and regular commitments. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to higher. Offerings exceeded needs in most locations. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4.5-10.25 cents, mostly 4.5-6.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for large and unchanged for medium and small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's delivery trending higher on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were mostly moderate to good, best for retail features. Food service demand light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close with large eggs becoming slightly more available over the last couple of days. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was light to moderate for the very tight to barely adequate offerings. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE 56-65 59-62

LARGE 55-64 57-60

MEDIUM 42-51 44-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV,

Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the light to good demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for processing requirements.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE 63-77 66-67

LARGE 58-72 63-67

MEDIUM 47-60 52-54

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,

Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

## COMBINED REGIONAL

May 26, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	49.50	48.00	44.00
SOUTHEAST	48.50	46.50	43.00
MIDWEST	45.50	43.50	38.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	51.50	47.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	48.87	46.41	41.69

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-30-06	05-23-06	05-31-05
Large	37-46	22-31	16-25
Medium	24-30	17-23	6-11

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAY 29, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.7	21.5	6.4	9.7	11.0	56.3
	Change	0.5	8.1	-1.4	-2.8	0.7	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.0	34.2	12.5	18.9	35.9	124.5
	Change	0.1	2.4	1.2	-5.6	4.8	2%
Large	Curr Wk	31.7	104.1	65.3	74.0	96.5	371.6
	Change	-5.2	1.9	-0.4	-27.2	1.5	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.6	43.3	24.3	16.9	33.4	128.5
	Change	-1.8	-5.5	10.7	-2.3	1.7	2%
Small	Curr Wk	3.7	9.3	4.3	3.8	3.3	24.4
	Change	-0.3	1.0	1.8	1.9	-1.4	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	32.7	10.4	12.9	5.4	63.6
	Change	-0.3	-2.7	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	4.9	43.7	18.1	38.9	19.2	124.8
	Change	-7.8	-4.8	0.0	-0.6	-4.7	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	83.8	288.8	141.3	175.1	204.7	893.7
Percent	Change	-15%	0%	9%	-17%	1%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	893.7	-4%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	223.7	-2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1117.4	-3%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 27-MAY-06**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,275,079	31,521	11,847	6,419	3,027	4,084
PW	1,322,905	32,273	12,428	6,566	3,257	4,441
LY	1,356,875	30,692	14,296	7,974	3,398	4,490
% Chg PWK	-4%	-2%	-5%	-2%	-7%	-8%
% Chg LY	-6%	3%	-17%	-20%	-11%	-9%
2006	26,896,525	664,606	251,689	135,836	62,055	90,994
2005	26,968,482	639,392	267,319	143,573	59,208	92,804
% Chg YTD	0%	4%	-6%	-5%	5%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.25	42.11	42.34
(Inedible Excluded)	39.05	38.75	39.03

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;  
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	556,301	43.6%	15,546	49.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	577,822	43.7%	15,955	49.4%
LAST YEAR	563,304	41.5%	13,827	45.1%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	MAY 20	MAY 27	MAY 20	MAY 27
	Thousand			
AL	31,644	31,567	21,550	21,209
AR	30,301	30,428	*24,060	24,546
DE	3,661	3,646	5,119	6,005
FL	922	1,392	*1,372	1,452
GA	34,584	35,119	*28,669	28,636
KY	*7,201	7,257	*6,388	6,332
LA	3,923	3,923	3,767	3,619
MD	8,955	8,544	4,979	4,553
MS	17,679	17,694	15,414	16,241
NC	*18,805	18,627	*15,513	15,158
OK	*6,276	6,478	5,296	4,781
PA	4,122	4,058	2,601	2,968
SC	5,309	5,385	4,701	3,929
TX	14,903	14,884	11,459	12,832
VA	6,475	6,460	5,792	5,296
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,925	17,870	*15,073	16,037

19 State Total \*212,685 213,332 \*171,753 173,594

Previous Year Total 216,555 215,660 177,385 178,099

Pct. of Prev. Year 98 99 97 97

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 08-Jul-06 is estimated at 159.3 million head. This compares to 159.7 million head the previous week and to 166.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 150.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.27 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/25/06-05/31/06

CURRENT LDS 91.75 FUTURE LDS 55.25 TOTAL LDS 147.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	51.13	54.82	46.38	50.71	48.27	47.00	38.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	34.00	30.00	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	39.50	40.50	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	70.00	71.00	54.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	62.22	58.00	62.80	51.28	53.50	39.50
GL W LG	—	61.00	58.33	60.95	52.94	57.67	57.00
GL W MD	45.00	39.63	41.75	44.20	27.00	—	10.50
GL W SM	24.33	27.33	25.25	28.75	—	—	4.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	34.20	10.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	19.00	4.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 27-MAY-2006**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW		PCT CHG	
					PW	LY
Atlanta	31.1	28.8			8	28
Boston	3.0	3.1			-3	-6
Chicago	59.1	64.9			-9	-7
Detroit	18.1	18.2			-1	-25
Kansas City	4.2	5.8			-28	-83
Los Angeles	112.7	111.2			1	-6
New Orleans	6.4	5.9			8	3
New York	31.9	30.4			5	8
St. Louis	20.8	17.9			16	30
San Francisco	16.3	15.1			8	-9
Total	303.6	301.3			1	-8
4 Week Moving Avg.	305.3					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 27-MAY-06**

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	2,016	2,688	2	1		4,707
Avg Wt	17.17	38.33	25.00	66.15		29.27
Last week	2,099	2,634	10	2		4,745
Same wk yr ago	1,890	2,528	17	1		4,436
Avg Wt	16.26	37.59	25.46	50.55		28.46
To-date/2006	39,415	52,111	454	112		92,092
To-date/2005	34,213	53,344	461	62		88,080

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 27-MAY-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT	
North East	759	-1	24.69	(A)	760	24.69
South Atlantic	755	10	34.08	(A)	755	34.08
North Central	2,235	0	32.62	(A)	2,235	32.62
South Central	675	-17	18.41	(A)	675	18.41
West	282	19	28.01	(A)	282	28.01
U.S. total	4,706(B)	-1	29.27	1	4,707	29.27
To-date						
2006	91,980(B)			112	92,092	
To-date						
2005	88,018(B)			62	88,080	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 2,000; for the current year to date 454,000; for last year to date 461,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 27-MAY-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	171,120	1,076	1,539	2,615	500
Avg Wt	5.37	3.31	7.77	5.93	6.78
Last week	167,283	1,211	1,635	2,846	573
Same wk yr ago	162,024	1,646	1,401	3,047	490
Avg Wt	5.23	3.32	8.13	5.53	6.41
To-date/2006	3,393,592	24,918	30,591	55,509	10,849
To-date/2005	3,323,903	32,582	28,614	61,196	10,585

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.2 million head, or 10.4 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Jun-06

CW - 06/03/06(1)

PW - 05/27/06

CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	148,585(2)	175,047
Light hens	840	1,153
Heavy hens	1,271	1,568
Total	150,696	177,768

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Jun-06 is 163.1 million head compared to 149.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.9 million head or 14.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Jun-06 the estimated available is 165.4 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April 22	165.5	164.4	101%	5.40
29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
May 6	156.0	166.7	94%	5.39
13	166.9	166.5	100%	5.45
20	169.3	165.1	103%	5.42
27	173.2	162.8	106%	5.37
Year to date	3434.9	3441.2	100%	
June 3		163.1		
10		165.4		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 29-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	56.00-59.00	57.56	39 :	59.41	63
Los Angeles	75.00	73.42	64 :	69.12	152
New York	56.00-59.00	57.96	24 :	59.93	48

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYER**

Change from			
29-MAY-2006	22-MAY-2006	22-MAY-2006	30-MAY-2005
64.06	2.79	61.27	71.69
NUMBER OF LOADS	570		

**MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Month	WTD AVG	LDS
May	59.57	2700.00

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 05/29/06	3,345	95,847	65,966
AM 05/01/06	3,381	75,818	75,982
CHG	-36	20029	-10016
PCT CHG	-1%	26%	-13%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)\* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 29-MAY-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8-14 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.45
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-14.75 CENTS/LB.	11-12.5	11.62

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

**LIGHT TYPE**

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

26-MAY-06

**REMOVAL COST**

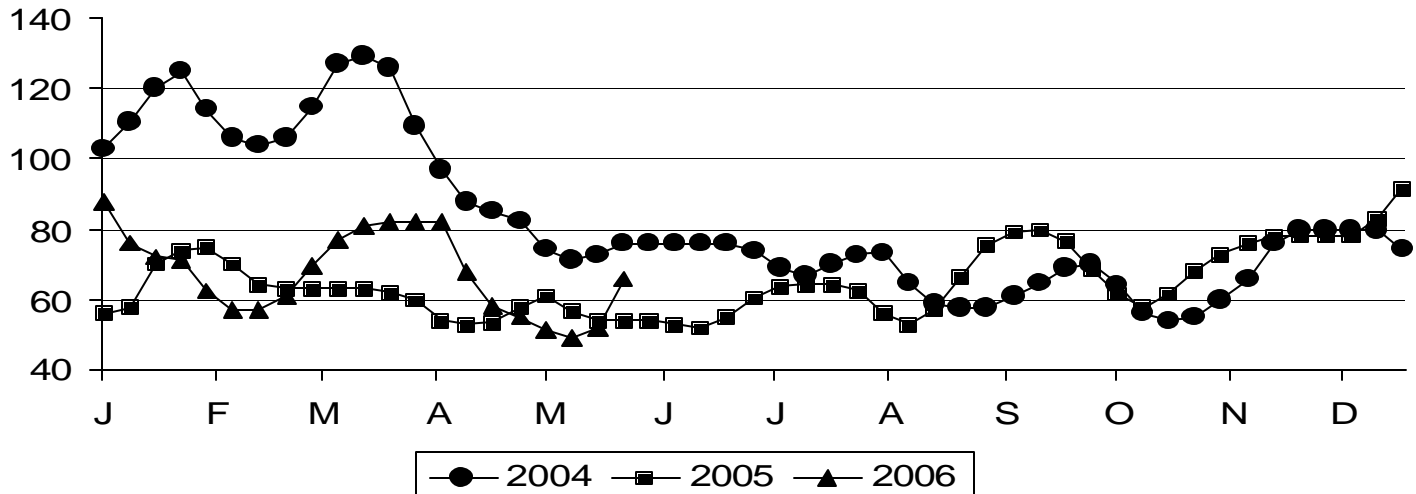
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-13	9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

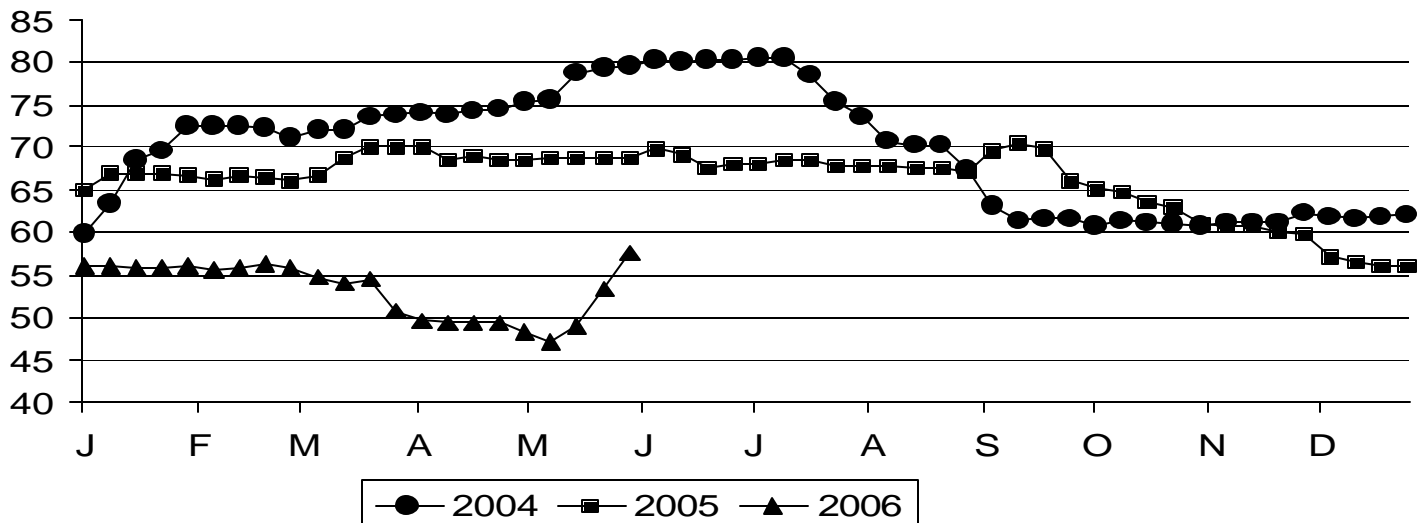
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 27-MAY-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	193.3	3	-14
East North Central	626.2	2	9
West North Central	305.7	6	16
South Atlantic	181.9	-1	-6
South Central	62.1	4	0
West	176.9	0	-14
Total	1546.1	2	2
Matched Plants reporting		83	83
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)			
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

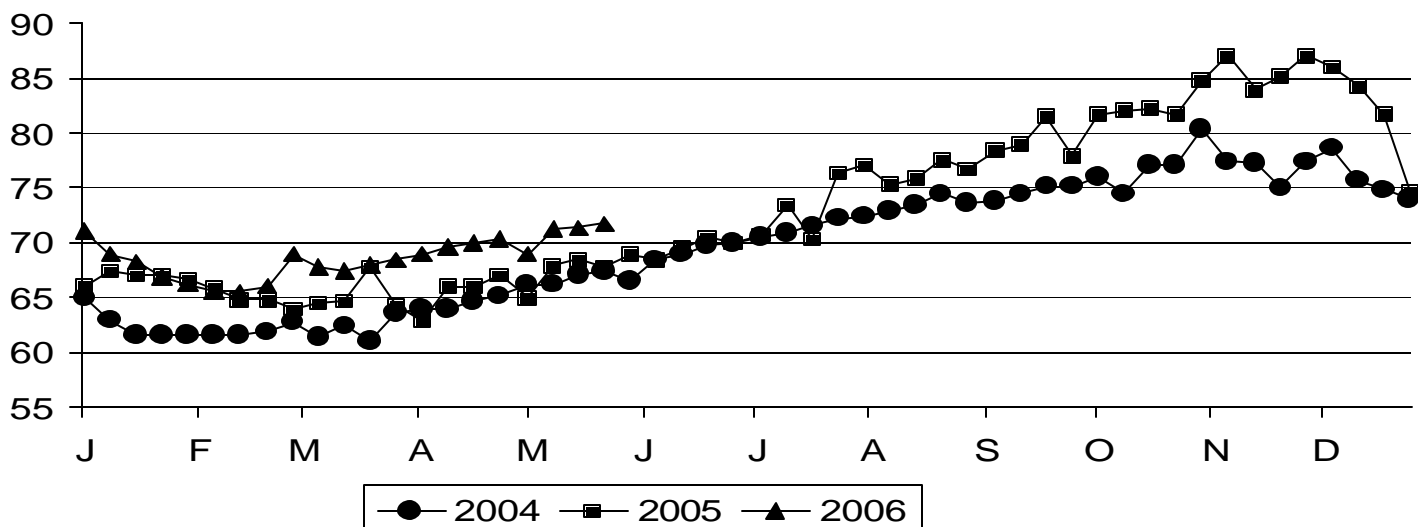
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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